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1. Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon have agreed to support an anti-Hashimite movement led by Rashid 'Ali Gaylani. Following an agreement between Syria and Lebanon that Arab unity could be maintained only after the Hashimites had been driven out of Iraq and Transjordan, General Husni Za'im sent his aide, Riyadh Gaylani, to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in order to take Rashid 'Ali Gaylani to Syria, from where (according to the informant) the latter will organize an anti-Hashimite rebellion in Iraq; this rebellion would have the support of the Kurds and Rashid 'Ali Gaylani's own followers.
2. Subhi Abu-Ghanimah will direct a similar campaign in Transjordan against King 'Abdullah.
3. After exchanging views with King Faruq and Husni Za'im, Ibn Sa'ud has declared his willingness to allow Rashid 'Ali Gaylani to proceed to Damascus as Za'im's adviser on Arab affairs, especially with regard to Iraq and Transjordan.
4. [REDACTED] Za'im's long-range plans call for the federation of Syria, Iraq, Transjordan, and Arab Palestine, after the Hashimites have been evicted, and the recovery of Palestine for the Arabs.

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